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SUBJECT: W/W: CHRISTIAN KAKLAMANOS

REF: STATE 3735

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM MRS KAKLAMANOS AMERICAN LAWYER, MR JAMES LEVIEN, ADVISING OF HER IMMINENT ARRIVAL IN ATHENS AND REQUESTING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

2. MR APOSTOLOPOULOS, MRS KAKLAMANOS'S LAWYER IN ATHENS WAS CONTACTED AND HE INFORMED THAT COURT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 11

,
WILL BE FOR DETERMINATION OF VISITATION RIGHTS FOR HER. ACTUAL PETITION FOR CUSTODY WILL BE FILED LATER. MR APOSTOLOPOULOS ALSO INDICATED THAT ACTION FILED BY HER HUSBAND, CHARGING HER WITH ILLEGALLY REMOVING THE CHILD FROM GREECE IN 1975, WAS SCHEDULED FOR COURT HEARING AUGUST 1977, BUT WAS POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 4, 1978, DUE TO HER NON-APPEARANCE IN COURT. LAWYER DID NOT ENVISION ANY ACTION WHICH COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST HER DURING HER STAY IN GREECE AS RESULT OF THIS OUTSTANDING CHARGE.

3. ALTHOUGH MR APOSTOLOPOULOS DID NOT EVINCE SERIOUS CONCERN OVER ALLEGED THREATS AGAINST HER, SECURITY OFFICER OF HILTON HOTEL WHERE MRS KAKLAMANOS WILL STAY WAS NOTIFIED BY EMBASSY OF HER STAY AT THE HOTEL AND THREATS MADE AGAINST HER. GREEK POLICE ALSO NOTIFIED.

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4. ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE WILL BE RENDERED TO MRS KAKLAMANOS AND HER LAWYERS, AND EMBASSY WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THEM DURING ANY PROCEEDINGS HERE. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT.

5. FYI: EMBASSY CANNOT BE OPTIMISTIC REGARDING MRS KAKLAMANOS'

PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING ULTIMATE CUSTODY OF HER SON THROUGH GREEK
COURTS SINCE IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REVEALED IN COURT THAT
SHE TOOK CHILD FROM GREECE IN VIOLATION OF PROHIBITION ORDER
BARRING HIS DEPARTURE. THE FATHER'S DARING COUNTER KIDNAPPING WAS
FAVORABLY REPORTED IN GREEK PRESS WHICH ALLEGED EMBASSY
COLLUSION IN HER AND SON'S EARLIER DEPARTURE. END FYI.
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